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Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended)   A method for the creation of an electronic container to conduct a business transaction comprising:

    creating an electronic version of ~~at least one~~an object useful in conducting the business transaction;

    creating a graphical code representing information about the ~~at least one~~ object;
    associating the graphical code with the ~~at least one~~ object;

    assigning a transaction identifier to the ~~at least one~~ object to associate the object with the business transaction; and

    storing the ~~at least one~~ object with other objects having the same transaction identifier.

2. (Currently Amended)   The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the graphical code comprises unique index information about the ~~at least one~~ object.

3. (Original)   The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the graphical code comprises coordinate location relating to fields within the object.

4. (Original)   The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the graphical code comprises routing information.

5. (Original)   The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the graphical code comprises at least a one dimensional code.

6. (Currently Amended)   The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 further comprising binding the ~~at least one~~ object to other objects wherein the graphical code comprises binding information that relates the ~~one~~ object and each of the other objects to each other.

7. (Currently Amended)   A system for the creation of an electronic container- to conduct a

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business transaction comprising:

~~at least one~~an object containing information useful in conducting the business transaction;

a workstation for inputting data about the ~~at least one~~ object;

a graphical code creator connected to the workstation for crating graphical code comprising the data;

an electronic record creator connected to the scanner for creating a composite electronic record comprising the ~~at least one~~ object and the graphical code; and

a container creator for associating the ~~at least one~~ object with other objects and for assigning a transaction identifier to the ~~at least one~~ object.

8.   (Currently Amended)   The system for the creation of an electronic container of claim 7 wherein the graphical code comprises data concerning the ~~at least one~~ object.

9.   (Currently Amended)   The system for the creation of an electronic container 8 wherein the data comprises unique index data concerning the ~~at least one~~ object

10.   (Original)   The system for the creation of an electronic container 8 wherein the data comprises coordinate location of fields within the ~~at least one~~ object.

11.   (Original)   The system for the creation of an electronic container of claim 8 wherein the container creator comprises instructions for viewing the ~~at least one~~ object, the unique index data, and supplemental data concerning the ~~at least one~~ object in a viewer.

12.   (Original)   The system for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the container creator further comprises instructions for retrieving and manipulating the ~~at least one~~ object using the same application that created the ~~at least one~~ object.

13.   (Currently Amended)   A method for managing workflow within an organization comprising:

receiving an electronic container comprising ~~one or more objects~~an object associated with a ~~task~~business transaction and routing information associated with the object ~~each~~

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of the one or more objects;

routing the object each of the one or more objects to a recipient designated in the routing information for processing the business transaction; and

receiving from each the designated recipient one or more a processed objects object.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for managing workflow within an organization of claim 13, wherein receiving an electronic container comprising one or more objects an object associated with a task business transaction comprises receiving one or more objects an object selected from the group consisting of an image, a document, a database, a computer generated file, and an electronic data interchange file.

15. (Currently Amended) The method for managing workflow within an organization of claim 13, wherein receiving an electronic container comprising routing information associated with each of the one or more objects an object comprises receiving for each of the one or more objects a graphical code comprising the routing information.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of managing workflow within an organization of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises receiving for at least one of the one or more objects object index information.

17. (Previously presented) The method of managing workflow within an organization of claim 16, wherein object index information comprises information indicative of a field value, a field name, a field type, and a length value.

18. (Previously presented) The method of managing workflow within an organization of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises receiving a graphical code indicative of an organizational structure of the electronic container.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of managing workflow within an organization of claim 18, wherein receiving a graphical code indicative of an organizational structure of the electronic container comprises receiving rules directed to determining the order of the objects within the container.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of managing workflow within an organization of

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claim 18, wherein receiving a graphical code indicative of an organizational structure of the electronic container comprises receiving rules directed to determining whether the electronic container comprises all of the objects associated with the ~~task~~<u>business transaction</u>.